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HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES - 2012

Flora Balmer



For 52 years Flora Balmer was instrumental in the establishment and organization of the OX5 Club of America, (later the OX5 Aviation Pioneers) from its beginning in 1955 and the management of its operation until her retirement in 2007. Undoubtedly she was the best historian our organization could ever have because she had worked with every OX5 President since the beginning until 2007.

When asked how she became involved with OX5, she said with the help of her parents, at age 19, she purchased a small mailing service in Pittsburgh. One of her first clients was Clifford Ball, President of the Aero Club in Pittsburgh, who also managed the Greater Pittsburgh Airport.

In 1955 Charlie Carroll, manager of the Latrobe Airport suggested to Clifford Ball they arrange a rally of OX5 pilots, who subsequently met in August 17, 1955. Flora recalled that many men and women arrived in Latrobe by airplane and automobile and it was so successful that it was requested to become an annual affair. So at that time, the active OX5 pilots and mechanics became the "OX5 Club of America". As the applications poured in, Flora Balmer took care of them. In 1957 the membership totaled 4,249. By the end of 1957, twenty-two wings had been chartered, and active enrollment eventually totaled 13,747.

Flora believe so much in the organization, that she was busy managing the enrollment and keeping prudent records of expenditures. She paid her own way to all national reunions and when the income was low, she reduced her own pay to help the organization.

Flora was diligent in keeping the OX5 organization running. She designed, edited and printed many bi-monthly OX5 Newsletters for many decades. She passed away in Absecon, New Jersey in 2011 at age 87. Because of her early efforts we can thank her that the OX5 Aviation Pioneers exists.

George P. Vose



George P. Vose was born in 1922 in Machias, ME. His earliest opportunity to handle airplane controls in flight was in 1937 at age 15. In the early 1940's, he just missed the opportunity of learning to fly in the OX5 Golden Age of Aviation. At age 18 he joined a National Youth Administration at the Bellefonte Airport in Pennsylvania. In the program they overhauled and learned to hand-prop OX5 engines and recovered Waco 10 wings. Thus he became eligible to join the OX5 Aviation Pioneers. His first solo was in an Aeronica Defender trainer in 1940 and he received a commercial pilot certificate with instructor's rating in 1943. In 1943-44, he instructed Army Air Force cadets followed by two years of Air Force traffic control duty along with fixed gunnery instruction in the 4th Air Force for jet combat pilots flying P-59s and P-80s. Post-war he remained in commercial aviation and pilot training. After WWII he received degrees from Penn State and SMU and was engaged in both academia and aviation until retirement from Texas Woman's University in 1976. In Denton, TX he operated an FAA Part 141 Flight School and as a designated pilot examiner certified 2,555 pilots over an eleven-year period. Memorable experiences include shipboard medical tests for NASA Gemini astronauts after orbital flight. He has flown for several agencies since retirement, including radio telemetry tracking of migrating peregrine falcons and eagles from the Arctic to Central America. In 2009 he received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award and had accumulated more than 23,850 flying hours in his career. His licenses or certifications include Instrumental, Instructor, Ground School, Multi-engine, Commercial and Water.

He has a membership in many aviation organization including EAA, Antique Airplane Association, and OX5 Life member. He has served the OX5 Aviation Pioneers as the National President and National Governor, along with being an officer and working diligently with his wing in Texas.

He is an inspiration to all the students he has taught. He served this organization with his generous time, talent, and money to guide the organization in the preservation of its goals, and the desire to remember those who have served it so well, among them George Vose.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the new left seat pilot position. The other new 'flight crew' members of OX5 Pioneers are : Mike Lawrence (Texas)VP, Don Volland (Wisconsin), Secretary, Janet Barnard (Ohio) Treasurer, Sylvia Cook Newsletter Editor (Missouri) . This is an exciting time for the organization with some new directions. The excitement began with 57th reunion in St. Louis and continues with a new headquarters in Troy, Ohio (home of WACO). Welcome aboard Pioneers, for what promises to be an exciting year for OX5 Aviation Pioneers.



James Beisner, President

*WELCOME TO OUR
NEW WINGS*

EAGLES MERE WING

Formed this summer in Pennsylvania

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MID-STATES WING

Formed at 57th Annual Reunion

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Members in the Middle U.S.

(Nebr, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois etc)

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CELEBRATE

George Levis - 103rd Birthday on Dec 6th

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ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

The election of officers is an important function of the Board of Governors held during the Board of Governors meeting at each reunion. The outgoing officers were President Dennis Yerkey, Secretary Ivan D. Livi, and Treasurer Thomas Barruso. The newly elected officers are President Jim Beisner, Ohio Wing; Secretary Donald Volland, Wisconsin Wing; Treasurer Janet Barnard, Ohio Wing. Vice President Michael Lawrence will remain in that position for another term.

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Congratulations to the new officers and best wishes for a successful coming year.

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New National Office Address

OX5 AVIATION

PIONEERS

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MEET THE GOVERNOR



Janet has been a science teacher for 18 years and currently teaches biology and accelerated biology at Tippecanoe High School in Tipp City, Ohio. In 2011 she was named the Air Force Associations' State of Ohio Aviation Teacher of the year. Janet has a deeply instilled love for aviation and has her private pilot's license with her instrument rating. She is active with flying groups such as the 99s, WACO Historical Society, Women in Aviation, and OX5 Aviation Pioneers. She enjoys working on airplanes and has been helping the Ohio Wing restore and maintain two OX5 engines.

Janet has been a trustee for WACO Historical Society for nine years and has served as the organizations' secretary for seven of those years. She has enjoyed blending her two passions of teaching and flying in directing WACO's Aviation Summer Camp for kids. One of the most enjoyable things to do is see a child's eyes light up with excitement when learning about flying and taking their first airplane ride. Janet has been active with planning and teaching many other Learning Center activities at WACO Historical Society.

Janet has been the OX5 Ohio Wing's treasurer for several years and has really enjoyed all the people that she has met at the OX5 reunions. The stories and many connections of the OX5 engine and aviation history are fascinating. She looks forward to serving the National Board and working toward a bright OX5 Aviation Pioneer future.

NOTICE

In every issue, usually on this page, is a list of officers and addresses. It is there so that you can send requests, memberships, dues, or make inquiries to the right person or address.

PLEASE, look at it.

Throw out all your old addresses, and old forms!!! There is a NEW ADDRESS: Send membership forms, change of address to, and pay your dues at:

**OX5 AVIATION PIONEERS
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This Important newsletter was mailed to all members in good standing.

2013 NATIONAL OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS

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1966 William L. Atwood *	1998 Martin Casey *
1967-68 Arthur Goebel *	1999 Robert Gettelman
1969-70 John P. Morris *	2000 Dorothy Hansen *
1971-72 Karl E. Voelter *	2001 Jim Ricklefs
1973-74 W. Buriel Barclay *	2002 Wayne T. Gordon
1975-76 Oliver V. Phillips *	2003 Benny Benninghoff
1977 Nick P. Rezich *	2004 Oren B. Hudson
1978 Foster A. Lane *	2005-06 Robert W. Taylor
1979-80 Wilson Mills *	2007-08 Harold Walter
1981-82 Jim M. Richter *	2009-10 George Vose
1983-84 Paul McCully *	2011-12 Dennis Yerkey
1985-86 Robert F. Lang	* Deceased
*1987- J. Max Freeman, Jr. *	
1988-89 Elmer Hansen *	



Happy Thanksgiving
Merry Christmas

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Your New Officers are hard at work already. They want all the members to be well informed. With this newsletter are two additional loose pages.

Both have the NEW NATIONAL OFFICE address. **THROW AWAY ALL OLD FORMS.** Only use new forms and the NEW ADDRESS.

One is a NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. It has the new National Office address. Do you have some ideas to encourage more members? PLEASE EACH of you recruit at least one new member. Your new President Jim Beisner writes: *"I do not know what the future of aviation will be like, but I do know that it will be exciting"*-Orville Wright. *We do not know what the future of OX5 Pioneers will be like, but we think that it will be exciting. Please share this excitement by passing the enclosed 'New Membership' form to a friend.*

We all need to work to keep our new members active. Send in your ideas to the National Office.

The other page is the DUES NOTICE. Read it carefully. Anyone who joined after July 1 does not have to pay for 2013.

BUT SEND IN THE FORM ANYWAY

Help the officers make sure your address is correct and also put in your e-mail address.

Would you like to receive your newsletter by e-mail? They plan to use the e-mail address you place on the dues notice. Receive your newsletter by e-mail. It is partly in color and saves the organization money! If you have e-mail, but do NOT WANT the newsletter that way, please indicate so, but still include your e-mail address for the records.

The New Officers would like to hear from you and your needs and desires. Are there changes you would like in the Newsletter? If you have ideas, write them on the back of your membership form. **THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.**

Would you like more information about the OX5 Engine?_____

Would you like some OX5 engine parts?_____

Would you like to know where to obtain parts & service?_____

Do you know the location of some parts and service?_____

*If you would like information like this in the Newsletter,
Please answer this poll, clip out and return with your dues notice.*

PLEASE

Quickly send in your DUES form along with any ideas you have to improve the organization.

PASTE a stamp on the enclosed envelope and place in the mail.

And for the sake of the organization, please
use the membership form and RECRUIT!

REUNION 2012 AWARD WINNERS HALL OF FAME



Flora Balmer

AND

George P. Vose



Additional Awards

LEGION OF MERIT - Carl E. "Chub" Wheeler

The Legion of Merit Award is given to an individual who has continuously participated in aviation over a period of forty years, and demonstrated technical and safe flying ability, along with the use of aircraft for the betterment of mankind. Chub Wheeler is an excellent example of these qualifications. He was born Oct. 1, 1911 in Illinois. He learned to fly in an OX5 Robin with Earl Hayden. Chub later bought an OX5 which he flew until 1939 when he bought a 65 hp Luscombe. Planes he has owned include an OX5 Robin, J15 Robin, Fairchild 22 & 24, three Aeronca and one Travel Air J5. Most of his first 400 hours were in the OX5 Robin and although he had eight forced landings with damage on only one of them testifies to his record of safe flying!



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE - James Beisner

The Distinguished Service Award is given in recognition of leadership, devoted service and unselfish efforts in behalf of the organization, along with contributions to its progress and welfare. Jim Beisner of Troy, Ohio is best known to most of the OX5 members as that exceptional individual who takes his time, finances, and energy to demonstrate his OX5 engine, thereby keeping its history alive in the minds of many. Some of his certifications include I.A. and C.F.I.I. as a commercial pilot. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea, and has been a teacher of chemistry and physics.

He has been actively involved in aviation for most of his life, devoting himself to many endeavors such as Board Member for the OX5 Mid-West Florida Wing, and Ohio Wing President, along with EAA, AOPA, AAA, and a board member for Aviation Trail. He has spent 15 years conducting Aviation Summer Camp where over 200 Young Eagles have flown. He has been associated with the National Waco Club, the American Waco Club and Past President of the Waco Historical Society. Among the many aircraft he has rebuilt are 2 Waco 10's and a 1921 Waco 4.



ADDITIONAL AWARDS

2013 National President Jim Beisner presented Awards of Appreciation to Past President - Dennis Yerkey and Past Secretary, Ivan Livi.

Awards Photos courtesy of Dennis Yerkey

Photos unavailable for those not in attendance



REUNION 2012 EVENTS

Photos by Sylvia Cook

BOEING PROLOGUE ROOM



MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE



*Harold Walter Steering Boat
Photo Courtesy of Harold*



CREVE COEUR MUSEUM



BANQUET



*Jim Beisner presented
Honorary Awards
to Al Stix and John Conouyer*



*Guest Speaker
Trent Duff
Air & Space Museum*

REUNION 2012

Pre-Reunion Advertising stated that the Door Prizes this year would be sensational and unique. Our members are so generous, and donate much to the success of a Reunion. Thanks to the Wings and other advertisers, and a special thanks to the members who donate books, DVDs or CDs for Door Prizes. Please give back and buy books and other materials from them.

Door Prize photos by Dennis Yerkey



Groups of cards of original hand painted vintage planes

Art photos by Sylvia Cook



Reproductions of paintings of Front & Back of Booklet

CD from CBW



Example of vintage plane cards



Original Stained Glass of St. Louis

Reproduction of vintage plane painting



Stained Glass Early Bird Award to Mr. & Mrs. E.G. Hammond

Reproductions of painting of U.S. First Patented Helicopter - See August 2009 Newsletter

Example of helicopter painting by relative of Kansas Inventors- Loren McDonald

Please respond to these authors and generous members. Buy books and other materials from them. See Back page for their ads and information on how to obtain these wonderful books, DVDs or CD. For vintage plane cards, stained glass, and reproductions of paintings, contact the Trenton Art Guild, % Loren McDonald at 467 Dogwood Lane, Trenton, MO 54583 or Sylvia Cook/Editor - address on Page 3. The Trenton Art Guild will donate 25% of the profits to the OX5 Aviation Pioneers.



It is a blessing to have such wonderful members

Two Additional Photos by Dennis Yerkey



Long Time Buddies Ivan Livi and Thomas Hendershot



Harold Walter and George Levis Photo Courtesy of Harold Walter



Cruise Photo purchased from River Cruise



OREN HUDSON - ALASKA BUSH PILOT

These excerpts are from an article October 22, 2012 in the ALASKA DISPATCH.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Legends in Alaska Aviation project celebrates the amazing lives of Alaska's long-time aviators who are still with us today.

For more of this article GO TO: Oct 22, 2012 Alaska Dispatch

<http://www.alaskadispatch.com/article/legends-alaska-aviation-oren-hudson>

A young boy in school heard an airplane and found an excuse to leave his seat to sharpen his pencil; next he was seen riding his bicycle to a nearby field in Colorado to watch airplanes. He may have missed some schooling, but his mind was right there in the cockpit. Thus began a lifelong adventure that would lead Oren to the Alaska frontier.

"A big part of my life has been spent with airplanes," Oren says. "Before high school graduation I had a few hours in small aircraft. Each day I would ride my motorcycle over to La Junta College for my ground school training. I soloed in a J2 Taylor Cub at LaJunta, Colorado, in 1937. I continued my aviation training by working for Combs Aircraft in Denver to get a commercial license and my instructor rating. Then I attended Greenmyer for my Aircraft and Engine mechanic training."

Oren's first aircraft was a Porterfield Ziffer, equipped with a 40 horsepower Continental engine, making it an excellent solo aircraft. "In 1941 I went to Kansas City for TWA co-pilot training and an instrument rating. I completed all those courses, and even Morris Code training. I could send and receive messages at sixteen words a minute." Oren flew right seat in TWA's DC-3. Even though he was sharp and competent and earned his IFR ticket at 21 years of age, TWA believed he was too young and the older pilots got the flying. When he did get to fly it was repetitious; Kansas City – Wichita – Amarillo – Albuquerque... Kansas City – Wichita – Amarillo – Albuquerque. His spirit for adventure yearned for more. Being very young and junior in seniority Oren didn't see much opportunity for his future as a junior co-pilot so kept his eyes open for other opportunities.

He returned to flight instructing where he could fly more and earn more money. As a Civilian Pilot Trainer (CPT Program), which was part of the War Training Service, Oren taught hundreds of pilots over the next few years. Oren trained up to ten pilots at a time with his students flying twice daily, both morning and evening. This flight schedule allowed pilots to complete their flight training in 30 days. Student pilots could experience weather changes throughout the day from morning to night; this exposure taught invaluable lessons from experience. Many of Oren's students returned from the war, having completed over 50 missions.

As a company pilot for Harry Combs, he flew a new Staggerwing Beechcraft. In 1948, Harry had Oren deliver a new Cessna 170 to Fairbanks, Alaska. With a chuckle Oren explains, "I liked the country I flew over, I liked the people I talked with, and I liked to fly airplanes, so I stayed!"

In 1948 Oren purchased a new Aeronca Sedan and started a flying service at Merrill Field. Alaska was a territory hungry for aviators to help it grow. Business was good and airplanes were needed. Oren bid on a mail contract in the Iliamna area that was previously served by only boats and dog teams.

"The mail kept getting heavier and heavier, and I kept buying bigger and bigger airplanes," recalls Oren. He soon expanded his company with a Cessna 170 and a Grumman Widgeon. He tirelessly operated his business for over fifty years from Iliamna and then Merrill Field.

"I have been flying airplanes for 74 years," reminisces Oren. "I enjoyed the people of Alaska and gave each flight my best. People liked it. My last flight physical was recorded at 36,764 flight hours." At 92 years of age Oren still has three airplanes, a Widgeon, V-tail Bonanza, and a Cessna 170. Oren states, "In 74 years of flying airplanes, I wrecked only one: A Cessna 195. In all my years, I hurt no one; I am proud of that. Now I am left with many memorable flights to relive. At 92 years of age, I plan to slow down this year or next year...maybe." Oren laughingly remembers an old saying, "There are old pilots and there are bold pilots, but there are no old, bold pilots—but I think I'm different than that because I'm old and I'm bold; I'm also hairless and fearless, and I'm mean and ugly! Maybe all that constitutes a bush pilot, I don't know. If I had to do it all over again, I think I would ...do the same thing."

Share Your Stories & Expertise All Members - new or long time

We want your stories, photographs, fly-ins, old or new airplanes!!!!

If you have a favorite account about yourself or another OX5er, send it in. Photos with it are great. It would be beneficial to include a caption with the pictures. We look forward to having your story!

Your articles will be included when space permits.. THANK YOU!

Send your stories to:

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WING STRUTS

ALASKA WING

Bob Mellin, Secretary

Minutes of the 14 Sept 2012 Meeting

We were back again to the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum for the Alaska Wing's bi-monthly meeting on September 14, 2012. The meeting was very well attended by both members and guests. Wing President Oren Hudson opened the meeting with the background of the OX-5 organization and history of the Alaska Wing. Then he proceeded with the introduction of members and guests.

Fred Richards then made a special announcement; The Alaska Wing gave Oren a plaque honoring Oren's long service to our Wing. Along with the plaque Fred and I had found three great pictures of Oren and had them framed for him as a remembrance. Oren was not expecting this and was very touched. He is certainly the glue that has held our group together for many, many years!

With my departure as Wing Secretary, Warren Polsky will be assuming the secretary position until formal elections take place at a later date.

Shari and Emilie, of the museum staff, provided a home-made hot lunch that was absolutely wonderful. However, along with that, Shari told the group that Emilie is leaving the museum mid-October and relocating south to Montana. We were all very sad to hear that. Emilie has been so good to us in coordinating our meetings at the museum. We all wish her the very best of things to come.

Our next meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on November 9, 2012, at the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum on the south shore of Lake Hood. Hope to see you all there! As an annual reminder; winter is just around the corner (that snowfall on September 29th was just the beginning) so it's time to get ready!

TEXAS WING

George Vose, Secretary/Editor
From their newsletter

Recently the Texas Wing received generous contributions for the newsletter printing and circulation expenses from Texas Wing member Joan Buerschinger of San Antonio, and from the OX5 National Headquarters in Pittsburgh. These contributions are appreciated. Donations of any amount from members are vital and to help with the Texas Wing Newsletter expenses. Remember, our Wing charges no dues. Past newsletters can be accessed from the National OX5 web page, <http://www.or5.org>.

CURTISS WING

Norm Brush, Secretary

September 8th, 2012, Minutes of the Meeting.

The meeting was opened at 10:20 by President Norm Brush with 12 members present. Our summer picnic was held on August 18th with 11 present. At this meeting we voted to elect Lou Fell to be our new President with Norm Brush as Secretary. Approved by all present. Our Treasurer Jon Vanderhoof, will be writing a letter to our National Treasurer requesting an itemized list of all the expenses National has incurred. This should be published in the National Newsletter. We gave the Curtiss Museum a check for \$500.00 to help cover the cost of repair on our monument at Champlain Beach.

We also decided to have 3 meetings a year with the next one to be held on October 19th at 3:00 p.m. at the Glenn Curtiss Museum with coffee and donuts to follow. The meeting after that will be on April 19th, 2013 at 3:00 at the Curtiss Museum with coffee and donuts to follow. Our meeting adjourned at 12:20 with lunch following.

MID-WEST FLORIDA WING

Evelyn Latorre, Secretary
813-404-5374

Clubhouse: 863-644-2431 ext. 178

Our meeting will be Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 11:00 at the OX5 Building at Sun'n Fun. It is the same weekend of Wings'n Things. We look forward to having all of you attend. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

KANSAS WING

Harold Walter, President

Our last OX5 KS Wing meeting was held at DeFazio's Italian restaurant. Mike Audo gave a great presentation of his Oshkosh attendance. He is an excellent photographer. It was a complete coverage with good pictures of individual airplanes. The audience got with the program with identification and stories about many of the airplanes. There was a tremendous amount of knowledge within the group. Unfortunately there was a low attendance, about 15, because of other activities and weather.

Doug Moler has had several fly-ins this past year. The last one was his annual "Falling Leaf" fly-in held October 14. Saturday, October 20 was the annual Chapter 88 EAA fly-in at Halstead, KS Wiebe Field. The weather was perfect: warm, light winds, and blue skies. There were 14 airplanes there.

CLIFFORD BALL WING

Dennis Yerkey, Secretary.

Two CBW Projects

JUST OFF THE PRESS

Barnstormer Jim is a detailed, interesting and exciting account of the lives and activities of the barnstorming aviators of the 1920s and 1930s.

It is a profile of Jim Christman and his family presented in this publication by his son, Al. This is a publication that all aviation enthusiasts should read and have in their aviation collection.

350 pages of Aviation History with Illustrations

For your copy mail this form and check to:

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FOR SALE "MISS PITTSBURGH"

A DVD video of the finding, transporting, and restoration of the Waco 9 airplane that carried the first airmail from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Cleveland, Ohio.

This is a documentary by TV personality Don Riggs about N2574 and its installation in the airside terminal of the Pittsburgh International Airport.

A must for your collection or use as a gift. Made available by the Cliff Ball Wing of Western Pennsylvania.

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CBW Picnic



FOLDED WINGS

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Deceased - Unknown

IN MEMORIAM



Russell E. "Duke" Iden
Sept 13, 1915 – Sept 7, 2012

In 1937 Duke started working at Taylorcraft Aviation. He retired as head of the domestic sales department, and continued to be involved in the Taylorcraft Fly-In by sponsoring the Factory Old-Timers breakfast. He was proud of the time he spent with Taylorcraft and also teaching WWII Air Force pilots. He was also involved in construction with R. E. Iden Construction and Iden Kitchens, along with repairing watches and clocks. He was an active member of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers as a National Governor and National Officer.



Roland "Ronnie" D. Officer
Sept 16, 1918 – May 6, 2012

At age 16, Roland Officer became a student pilot, later receiving his private license. In 1936 he was hired by United Airports and retired in 1977 from United Technologies flight department. He flew many hours as copilot on UAC's Boeing 247A, plus numerous other aircrafts. He flew with Charles Lindbergh, Clyde Pangborn, Rosco Turner and other notable members of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers Club.

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Hugh C. Dorworth
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Replacement for Aero Club and the chance to meet with people who flew the good old bi-planes.

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His interest in flying led him to obtain his private license in 1986 and instrument rating in 1989. He now owns a Cherokee 180.

Robert G. Hallgren
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I love airplanes and mechanical power plants, and I build my own drag race engines. I joined the Navy in 1963, went to Class A Electronic School, then joined a VP Anti-submarine Warfare Squadron. Flew for 2 ½ years, with 2500 + hours, was first tech of crew E-5 for 2.5 years.

Michael R. Weidhass
6743 Plainview
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I have been flying since 1967, and am presently in an airplane partnership: Wing A 1940 Porterfield LP65 based in St. Charles, MO.

Brent Taylor
22271 Bluegrass RD
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I have private and commercial pilots licenses with Multi-engine and Seaplane Ratings and I have been a pilot for 40+ years. I also have been an A & P mechanic for 35 years with an Inspection Authorization for 21 years.

Cindy Reis
24517 Bluegrass RD
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I have worked with the Antique Airplane Association for over 30 years due to my interest in vintage aircraft.

Mike Gretz
PO Box 162
Monteuma, IA 50171

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I have a strong interest in pre-1930 airplanes, barnstorming, air mail etc, along with historical research and writing. I have spent 40+ years as a model aircraft designer at SIG Mpg Co, a member of AMA Hall of Fame, Model Aviation author, photographer, draftsman, and technical writer. I am also President of the Airpower Museum in Blakesburg, Iowa.

Margaret J. Robertson
19 Weaver Drive
Ottumwa, IA 52501

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I am very interested in historic aviation and the aircraft of that period. I learned to fly in 1972 in a Cessna 150 and owned and flew a C172.

Trent Duff
26071 Ridgetrail Dr
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Sponsor: Sylvia Cook

I joined to learn about older aircraft and the older engines such as the OX5. St. Louis history includes Curtiss Wright airplanes. The Curtiss Robin, made here and used to set a number of endurance and air-to-air refueling records, had an OX5 and a radial version. Chub Wheeler, my flying buddy, owned two Robins. My interests in older aircraft developed from Chub talking about his Robins so much, and a visit to the AAA at Blakesburg, IA

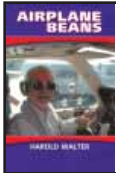
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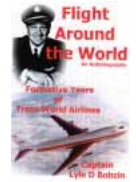
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